

REMARKS

The applicant has amended claims 31, 32, 34, 35, 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 49-56, 58-65, 67-70, and 72. The applicant has canceled claims 73 and 74. Claims 31-41, 43, 44, 46-65, and 67-72 are pending, of which claims 32 and 56 are in independent form.


The Examiner has indicated that claims 32 and 33 are allowable. The applicant has amended claims 31, 34, 35, 37-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, and 49-51 to depend from claim 32 and respectfully submits that these claims should be allowed.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 56 and 57 are allowable. The applicant has amended claims 52-55, 58-65, 67-70, and 72 to depend from claim 56 and respectfully submits that these claims should be allowed.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time authorizing the corresponding extension fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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